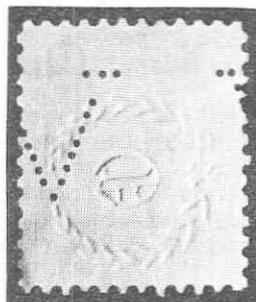


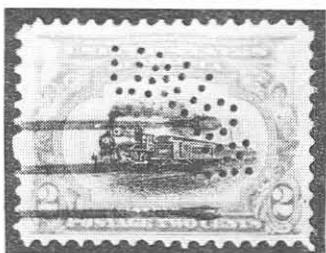
PERFINS ON "EARLY" U. S. ISSUES

U. S. Catalog Chairman Joe Balough has submitted the interesting array of Perfin photos shown below.

Photo 1 shows a copy of Scott #635 which not only bears a Perfin, but a curious embossed design of a wreath and monogram. The Perfin appears to be a split of the V pattern (V-1) of the Vitaphone Corporation. Can anyone provide enlightenment on the embossed design?



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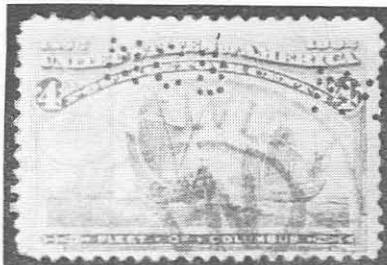
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Photo 2 shows the 2-cent Pan-American issue bearing the UNION Perfin (U-47.5) of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., of San Francisco. Balough comments that the UNION pattern is common, but not on this issue. He says he also has seen the pattern on the 4-cent Pan-American value, so it apparently was used postally.

Photo 3 shows a copy of Scott #252, issued in 1894, bearing a curious #0 Perfin. Balough theorizes that the stamp may not have been used as a Perfin, but that the perforation may have been added to a used stamp. Anyone care to comment?



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Photo 4 shows a 4-cent Columbian in Balough's collection which bears the NCB Perfin (N-41) of National City Bank of New York. Photos 5 and 6 show 2-cent Columbians bearing Perfin patterns not listed in the catalog. One appears to be an II pattern, and the other is open to conjecture. The only thing clearly perforated is a number symbol (#) similar to the one shown in Photo 3. It appears to the editor that the remaining perforations to the right may have been struck from two different Perfin dies.



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